



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7247

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AN ACT DESIGNATING CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES AS THE STATE'S COORDINATING AGENCIES TO REDUCE CHILD POVERTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Community action agencies,
2 under chapter 319yy of the general statutes, are designated the lead
3 agencies responsible for implementing and coordinating community
4 efforts at the local level aimed at reducing child poverty and achieving
5 the goal set by the Child Poverty and Prevention Council, established
6 under section 4-67x of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to
7 reduce child poverty in this state by fifty per cent by June 30, 2014.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4-67x of the general statutes is
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
10 1, 2007):

11 (a) [(1)] There shall be a Child Poverty and Prevention Council
12 consisting of the following members or their designees: The Secretary
13 of the Office of Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of
14 the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority
15 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, the Commissioners of Children and Families, Social
17 Services, Correction, Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Addiction
18 Services, Transportation, Public Health, Education, Economic and

19 Community Development and Health Care Access, the Labor
 20 Commissioner, the Chief Court Administrator, the Chairman of the
 21 Board of Governors for Higher Education, the Child Advocate, the
 22 president of the Connecticut Association of Community Action
 23 Agencies, the chairperson of the Children's Trust Fund and the
 24 executive directors of the Commission on Children and the
 25 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The Secretary of the
 26 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be
 27 the chairperson of the council. The council shall (1) develop and
 28 promote the implementation of a ten-year plan, to begin June 8, 2004,
 29 to reduce the number of children living in poverty in the state by fifty
 30 per cent, and (2) within available appropriations, establish prevention
 31 goals and recommendations and measure prevention service outcomes
 32 in accordance with this section in order to promote the health and
 33 well-being of children and families.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | 4-67x(a) |

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